



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q67392

Yusuke KOBAYASHI

Appln. No.: 10/001,958

Group Art Unit: 3711

Confirmation No.: Not Yet Assigned

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Filed: December 05, 2001

For: GAME MACHINE USING SELF-PROPELLED MEMBERS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed: (1) No later than three months from the application's filing date; (2) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later); or (3) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action after filing a request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required. Nevertheless, since a statement can be made, a statement is submitted herewith.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
U.S. Appln. No.: 10/001,958
Attorney Docket No.: Q67392

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations:

Japanese Patent Laid-open Publication No. 9-261944 discloses a three-phase type planar linear motor and an air blowing mechanism provided in a self-propelled member.

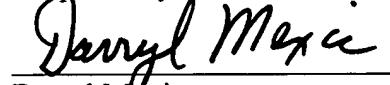
Japanese Patent Laid-open Publication No. 9-28922 discloses a racing game machine.

Japanese Patent Examiner Publication No. 2634069 discloses a mechanism for turning a miniature member.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

Respectfully submitted,



Darryl Mexic
Registration No. 23,063

SUGHRUE MION, PLLC
Telephone: (202) 293-7060
Facsimile: (202) 293-7860

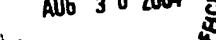
WASHINGTON OFFICE

23373

CUSTOMER NUMBER

Date: August 30, 2004



Substitute for Form 1449 A & B/PTO		AUG 30 2004		Complete if Known	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT				Application Number	10/001,958
				Confirmation Number	Not Yet Assigned
				Filing Date	December 05, 2001
				First Named Inventor	Yusuke KOBAYASHI
				Art Unit	3711
				Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Signature _____ **Date Considered** _____

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov, MPEP 901.04 or in the comment box of this document. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST. 3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to indicate here if English language Translation is attached.



Jfm
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q67392

Yusuke KOBAYASHI

Appln. No.: 10/001,958

Group Art Unit: 3711

Confirmation No.: Not Yet Assigned

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Filed: December 05, 2001

For: GAME MACHINE USING SELF-PROPELLED MEMBERS

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

That each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of said Information Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

Darryl Mexic

Darryl Mexic
Registration No. 23,063

SUGHRUE MION, PLLC
Telephone: (202) 293-7060
Facsimile: (202) 293-7860

WASHINGTON OFFICE
23373
CUSTOMER NUMBER

Date: August 30, 2004